GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA

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DELAY IN PAYMENT OF COMPENSATION
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the inordinate delay in paying the compensation to the persons whose land is acquired by these coal companies ;

(b) if so, the number of pending cases for the payment of compensation, State- wise ; and

(c) the steps taken / being taken to expedite the payment of compensation particularly by Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd. (MCL) in Orissa ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL AND MINES (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO)

(a) Yes, Sir. There have been at times inordinate delay in paying the compensation to the persons / legal heirs whose land is acquired by coal companies.

(b). The number of pending cases for payment of compensation of land, State-wise is as under :

S.No.	State	No. of Cases
1	Jharkhand	1911
2	West Bengal	162
3	Maharashtra	247
4	Madhya Pradesh	525
5	Orissa	71

(c) In Mahanadi Coalfields Limited, in many of the pending cases, the persons whose land had been acquired are not available in their respective villages at the addresses given to the company as per record. Efforts are being made to locate the correct present addresses so that payment can be made without delay. In such cases notice for receiving compensation has also been published in the local newspapers. If even then land owners fail to receive the compensation within the stipulated time, compensation is deposited into Coal Bearing Areas Tribunal.